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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR  
PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT  
ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF  
THE SUPPORT ELEMENT

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

August 6, 2003

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2003 (Paper No. 5), the following amendments and remarks are submitted in the above-cited application:

**No fees are believed to be due with this amendment.**

**Amendments to the Specification** are discussed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.